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July 7, 1953

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Allen W. Dulles,
Director of Central Intelligence.

SUBJECT: Exploitation of Communist BW Charges.

I would appreciate any views you might have on my proposal to use Professor Zirkle. The idea, roughly, is this: He is a well-known scholar on the subject of Soviet scholarly production in the field of science—both good and phony. If a man of his stature attacked this study as another one of a series of Soviet "phonies", it might have a desirable impact in the right quarters.

NSC

If you agree to the idea of our using Professor Zirkle, do you believe it is necessary for [redacted] to effect clearance on him? The International Scientific Commission report, as you recall, is unclassified. I think I could handle this in an innocent sort of way without dragging in any classified material. Thanking you sincerely in advance for your views—Sincerely yours,

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Enclosure:

Memorandum of Conversation, July 6, 1953. Subject: State Department Exploitation of Communist BW Charges.

NSC review(s) completed.